



2008 GRACELAND WINTER TERM MEXICO TOUR  
TRIP ITINERARY (PROPOSED)  
JANUARY 6 – 15, 2008

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**Jan. 6, Sun.:** Fly Kansas City to **Cancun, Mexico** in the morning, arriving about noon. Load on bus at Cancun Airport and drive south to Chetumal for the night.

Meals provided: D

**Jan. 7, Mon.:** Close to Chetumal are two impressive sites: **Dzibanche** and **Kohunlich**. Dzibanche was named for the hieroglyphic writings found there including a hieroglyphic staircase. Kohunlich is known for its large masks flanking the stairway on one of its major buildings. These two sites may be part of the line of cities built along the east seacoast referenced in Alma 23. We continue on to the ruins of **Chicanna** at the village of **Xpuhil** where we spend the night.

Meals provided: B & D

**Jan. 8, Tues.:** Visit the ruins of **Becan** before we head southwest to Palenque, a three-hour drive. Becan is an important site because its fortifications are clearly visible. It's also a fun-filled site because of its many tunnels and passageways.

Meals provided: B&D

**Jan. 9, Wed.:** Be prepared for a long but rewarding day as we travel by bus then river boat down the **Usumacinta River**—watch for crocodiles!—to **Yaxchilan**. First we will stop for breakfast in the jungle and a short visit to the ruins of **Bonampak** with its famous frescoes or murals. Continue to the village of **Fonterra Coronel** where we board the river boats for the trip to Yaxchilan. Late afternoon we return to the hotel in Palenque.

Meals provided: B & D

**Jan. 10, Thurs.:** We will spend all day at Palenque, a beautiful and important site. Its numerous inscriptions bear witness of a knowledge of the Lord and his creation. A small river runs through the ancient city and becomes a wonderful waterfall deep in the rainforest next to former residences.

Meals provided: B&D (If so inclined, you can purchase lunch at a small restaurant at the site.)



**Jan. 11, Fri.:** Leave Palenque and drive to the ruins of **Edzna** in the State of Campeche. After visiting the ruins drive on to Uxmal for the night. Edzna has an unusual building of five-stories that combines features of palaces and pyramids. "Aerial reconnaissance has disclosed that Edzna is surrounded by a complex system of canals and reservoirs and that a square, fortress-like structure is encompassed by a moat..... While most of what one sees at Edzna is Late Classic in date, it is noteworthy that at least some of the canals go back to the Late Pre-classic." (Michael D. Coe, *The Maya*: 1987)

Meals provided: B&D

**Jan. 12, Sat.:** Today visit the ruins of **Uxmal, Sayil, and Labna**, which are close together. Spend the night at Uxmal. Although these three ancient cities were built after The Book of Mormon period, they are worth visiting for the architecture and motifs found there. Uxmal's acoustics are so perfect that symphony orchestras perform there.

Meals provided: B&D

**Jan. 13, Sun.:** Leave Uxmal early and drive to **Chichen Itza** to see the Pyramid of Kulkulkan and the observatory, and one of the largest Maya ball courts that has the carved portrait of the Bearded White God in a building at one end of the court. Just after noon leave for Cancun.

Meals provided B & D

**Jan. 14, Mon.:** All day at the beach in **Cancun**.

Meals provided: B & D

**Jan. 15, Tues.:** Leave hotel mid-morning for transfer to Cancun Airport. Return to Kansas City.

Meals provided: B





# REGISTRATION FORM

## 2008 GRACELAND UNIVERSITY WINTER TERM MEXICO TOUR

**Costs:** Tour cost per person \$2,250  
Non-student registration (extra) \$100  
Single Supplement (extra) \$400

**Includes:** All airfare from Kansas City; all ground transportation; hotel accommodations based on two or three persons in a room; meals as indicated on itinerary: B - breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner. Entrance fees, service charges, tips, and insurance.

**Not Included:** Personal items such as a-la-carte orders, room service, laundry, and meals and other items not specifically mentioned as included.

**Liquor or Tobacco:** Graceland policy forbids the use of alcohol and tobacco.

**Payment Schedule:** \$400 deposit per person due September 28.  
Deposits refundable until Nov. 1, 2007, when final payment is due.

**\*\*\*Passports Required\*\*\***

**Responsibility:** *PSI Tours, LLC and/or Lyle Smith and Donald Beebe act only as agents for other tourist agencies, and accept no responsibility, or shall not become liable for delays, losses, damage or injury to persons or property, theft, mechanical defects or failure of any equipment, or substitution of hotel or carrier equipment beyond their control, and shall not be liable for any additional expenses incurred thereby.*

**Please photocopy this page, fill in, sign, and give your deposit to Ron Smith at Graceland University. Your final payment should also be given to Ron Smith at Graceland University.**



Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks out to Graceland University, who in turn will pay PSI Tours, LLC.**

Deposit of \$400 (each) is enclosed. Deposit total is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment of tour costs described here-in, and signature below, signify acceptance on the part of the purchaser to the limits of liabilities.**

Each traveler must sign.

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